

QUAKER CITY QUIRKS.

I'm by no means prepared to bring forward new arguments in opposition to the present movement for a change in the liquor laws of Vermont, but, having spent the greater portion of my life with you and, always after voting age, being more or less a participant in those things which I deemed best for the general welfare of the community, I am naturally deeply interested in events that are transpiring with you. Without doubt nothing that I can feelably express at this distance will have any influence upon any one individual in regard to how he may "line up" in the contest that is before you.

How Percival W. Clement of Rutland, with his surroundings and experience in life is not qualified, in my opinion, to speak for the best needs and best interests of the common people of Vermont. It is no new thing that he is an apostle of freerum, but, inspired by his personal enmity to one of your present candidates for the governorship, he finds this golden opportunity to make a bolder stand than heretofore and, as a result, we have seen his parlor car touring the state with brass band and con song accompaniment. As it appears to me, he has brought forward nothing new in support of his appeal for free rum in the good old Green Mountain state; on the contrary he advances nothing but the old threadbare and unsound argument that we have heard since boyhood days. But it is extremely unfortunate that such an issue should in such a manner be thrown into the Vermont campaign; it is a serious matter and I apprehend will change the color of this and succeeding contests to a considerable extent.

A rural community like Vermont has no use for the saloon and her good people cannot realize fully the seriousness of the results if they vote to open the doors in that direction. I do not believe you will do it. As I may have written at some other time, the population of this one city is more than four times the population of the entire state of Vermont. With such a population we have something like two thousand licensed saloons. But even this great number of drinking places, supposedly conducted close to the requirements of the law, by no means regulates the liquor traffic, for hundreds of "speakeasies" and dives exist all over the city and the illegal selling, in spite of all the laws creating a license system, goes on. My eyes have been partially open during a part of the three years and more that I have lived in the Quaker City and I can discover no good, no desirable freedom to the citizens, no argument whatever advanced by believers in the open saloon substantiated by my observations. On the other hand I do observe multitudes of young men squandering their means and acquiring the drink habit; thousands of prematurely old, middle-aged men with that peculiar burned out stupefied appearance, so common to the habitual whiskey drinker; thousands more who are a few steps further down the decline, ragged, shiftless, unable to secure a position of any sort, begging a nickel for a drink. Along with this comes also the sight of women going along the same course, and too, the knowledge that such a large per cent of the crimes are directly or indirectly the result of rum. Look at the station house records and no stronger point is needed in condemnation of the traffic. Philadelphia seeks to protect itself with a list of nearly three thousand police officers actively in service day and night. Is there any thing suggestive in this?

And yet with such a cosmopolitan aggregation of peoples and tongues in all quarters of the globe, there is, in my opinion, much more to be said in support of the saloon idea here than there is or ever can be in Vermont. From the social standpoint there is another view, though my observations have been more from without than within, as I am by no means a figure in "society." But I see that the prevailing custom is vicious, inasmuch as no little social event or supper is thought to be complete without the use of wine and a great deal of it. The after effects I many times see if not experience. But this is enough of a temperance lecture from one who ought to be taking rather than attempting in any manner to give advice. It is not the talk of a "Dry Rob," as I believe prohibitionists are sometimes called, for I shall disclaim such a cognomen. I do not believe the present law in Vermont is perfect by any means, but far better study and act for its perfecting than to launch out into the greater evil. Look well into this local option delusion also, for what endless eternal and internal strife such a law on your statute books would entail. It means the same old fight over and over again each time of local voting. Let well enough alone. No, not well enough, make it better along the present lines, and then not let it alone, but see to it that such public officials are chosen as will not let it alone to enforce itself. Great Scott! I've bitten off more than I can handily chew on this subject, and have no grave fears that it may be taken for a page from Neal Dow's or Francis Murphy's lectures.

The situation in Pennsylvania politics is no less misty. The convention for nominating Governor is only about one month ahead. Present Atty. General Elkin is making a hard fight for the nomination, having broken away from his erstwhile boss Quay, to fight it out before the people. Quay says Elkin shall not be given the nomination and the two will face each other as leaders of the as-

sembled host on the floor of the convention, thus it insures a hot time. Boss Quay's candidate, selected in the best interests of the party of course, is his own cousin, Judge Penneycker of this city.

A year ago a party of men pulled the wool over the eyes of everybody and by high-handed practices in legislature and City Councils gobbled up without money or without price, or any conditions whatever, all the valuable franchises for street railway purposes, not then controlled by the Traction Company of this city, ostensibly in the interests of the people to insure competing lines, additional service and reduced fares. But it has developed this week that it was all a great bluff, only planned to head off any competition in all the years to come, and to make more sure and complete the full monopoly of the entire city traffic by the Union Traction Co., which has just been leased by the same men who, a year ago were hailed as public benefactors, aiming to reduce our trolley fares and to bring us more speedy and efficient service.

As a sequel to a most remarkable criminal act is being enacted this week in the trial of a young attorney. Some time since it was discovered that the very gang of men who were convicted of being participants in the great Jacobs counterfeiting scheme, which was unearthed by treasury department detectives in this city and were serving terms in prison here, had for some time been actually turning out most skillfully wrought counterfeit bills right in their prison cells, a feat seemingly impossible without the aid of accomplices on the outside. Among the latter it is alleged, being this young lawyer who is accused of furnishing them with new one dollar bills which were bleached out by these prisoners and then in an expert manner made into bills of higher denomination. It was a hard blow to the supposed rigid discipline and care of Moyamensing prison and the high officials have been kept busy making excuses ever since.

Philadelphia, May 21, 1902.

Non. Frank Plumley Strongly Endorses McCullough.

A Frank, Fair Letter From a Temperance Leader.

Editor Watchman and Journal:— May I be permitted space in your paper to express my views in the present governorship canvas as affected by the question of Prohibition vs. License? This is asked because of many letters recently received by me inquiring as to my attitude in the matter and the reasons which actuate me; otherwise it would not seem important to project my ideas into this contest.

Before Mr. Proctor appeared as a candidate, and while it was regarded as settled that he would not be a candidate and the contest was narrowed down to McCullough or Webb, the people of this state had largely made their selection, and, in the main, the friends of prohibition had accepted Gen. McCullough and the friends of license had naturally selected Col. Webb. When Mr. Proctor had appeared and Col. Webb had retired, the lines remained in large part unchanged, the friends of Col. Webb becoming for the most part the champions of Mr. Proctor. Thus it happened that the license advocates found themselves supporting a friend of prohibition. The appearance of Mr. Clement gave them a chance to re-align, but as a rule they remain steadfast. They have said, and rightfully enough, that in this governorship contest the liquor law is not an issue. Mr. Clement says it is, but the great bulk of Republican voters say it is not.

Gen. McCullough was considered a safe man for the friends of prohibition when one of the candidates was a license man; he is safe equally, when neither of the leading candidates is a license man. I believe Mr. Proctor, of himself, to be just as safe, but what of his present political environment? His success would mean the triumph of the leading advocates of license, and they would be found prominent among the men surrounding him and would rightfully claim proper recognition from the influence over his administration.

A careful candid scrutiny of the field will satisfy the anxious inquirer for the truth as to which candidate, if successful, will bring with him the greater retinue of staunch, strong and able friends of the present law, and which the greater number of its aggressive foes. The present law will receive no harm from either McCullough or Proctor. Both are clean, straight forward, trustworthy gentlemen, loyal to the best interests of Vermont. Friends of prohibition who favor Mr. Proctor and friends of prohibition who favor Mr. McCullough are, as respects these two men only, making no mistake. Those who support the latter find themselves in very good company.

Confining ourselves to our past chief executives and excluding the two who are now our honored Senators this is their alignment: Ex-Governors Holbrook, Hendee, Stewart, Farnham, Barstow, Pingree, Ormsbee and Page, with Governor Stickney, are all supporters of the present liquor law and of the candidacy of Gen. McCullough. I might add to this a long list of men distinguished in every walk of life who are similarly supporters of each—the law and the man. We have trusted in their leadership in times past and have not suffered; we need have no misgivings now. It is pleasant company. I am pleased to be found thus associated and my judgement and my pleasure join hands when I conclude to remain with them.

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Ex-Governors Woodbury, Grout, and Smith support Mr. Proctor, Messrs. Woodbury and Grout support the law, Mr. Smith opposes it. Each was a supporter of Col. Webb, who was a license man, and each is a supporter of Mr. Proctor, who is not. Manifestly they did not consider the liquor question an issue when they made choice of their candidates either time; and these friends of Mr. Proctor are juggling with our consciences when they ask us to make it an issue as between their candidate and Gen. McCullough.

In electing delegates to the state convention we should be sure that they will not vote for license resolutions or license candidates; and in nominating our Senators and Representatives we must be likewise vigilant and firm. These matters are of the utmost importance. Let us not be diverted from the real issue, the real work, and the real place for that work.

We can place the able, cultured, refined and courteous McCullough in the executive chair and give dignity to the office and do honor to the state. Yours Earnestly, FRANK PLUMLEY.

A CAMPAIGN LIE.—The Proctor papers are busy circulating the report that if Gen. McCullough is elected Governor he will re-appoint the present board of cattle commissioners against whom there is much feeling in certain parts of the state on account of the way in which the law relating to stamping out bovine tuberculosis has been enforced by them.

Now the Courier is in a position to positively deny that Gen. McCullough has ever said or even intimated that he would do such a thing. Moreover, Gen. McCullough is not at all in sympathy with the wholesale slaughter of cattle such as was carried out in the town of Williston. He believes in the use of all sane methods to stamp out and prevent the spread of the disease, but considers the present law far from perfect and if elected Governor will use his influence to secure its modification along lines that recent scientific discoveries have proved to be correct. It is simply another case of where arguments being exhausted and the case desperate it becomes necessary to abuse the other fellow.—Swanton Courier.

In the present contest the Proctor contingent's aim is to beat McCullough without regard to the means that in their opinion will accomplish that result. In towns in which a high license sentiment prevails, they aim to draw votes to Clement and thus strengthen Proctor by dividing the prohibitory vote. In prohibition towns they claim that Proctor is the only genuine, simon-pure prohibition candidate in the field and that a vote for McCullough may strengthen the high license cause. And all the time the Proctor high license organs are urging prohibitionists to support Fletcher D. because he advocates the law these organs denounced and in and out of season before Dr. Webb's substitute was put into the field! It is a plain case of anything to defeat McCullough.—White River Junction Landmark.

How to Handle Guns.

Before getting into a wagon it is no more than common prudence and foresight to remove the shells from one's gun. It is also but the task of a moment, says Forest and Stream. If the horses should run away, if the wagon should break down, if the shooter should slip and fall in getting in or out, there is no possibility of death from the discharge of his gun.

If the same precaution is observed when crossing a fence, there again can be no "accident" from the gun. If one keeps one's gun pointed in the air or entirely away from the person of others, even if the gun should be discharged when in hand, there again could be no accident. If the gun is placed against a tree, the cartridges being first withdrawn, and if the dog knocks it over or if it falls down from any cause, there can be no accident.

If the shooter takes care to know absolutely what kind of animal is moving, he cannot by mistake shoot a man for a deer. It is quite as easy to think that a deer is a man as it is to think that a man is a deer. Wait till you know definitely; then you will not afterward have to tell what you thought, with the added knowledge that a man does not remotely look like a deer and that all regrets cannot restore a life.

In short, the matter of "accident" may depend on the matter of care and foresight more than on the unforeseen. Think about these things, and think about them before and not after.

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Odd Fellows at Ludlow.

Over 500 Vermont Odd Fellows and Daughters of Rebekah, from every part of the state, held their annual session at Ludlow last week. Interesting sessions they were throughout and the Odd Fellows congratulated themselves upon the healthy condition and wonderful growth of the order.

At the Grand Lodge meeting on Wednesday the following officers were elected:

Grand Master, Dr. W. L. Havens of Chester Depot; Deputy Grand Master, B. A. Reed of Windsor; Grand Warden, F. B. Morton of St. Albans; Grand Secretary, H. C. Parker of Bradford; Grand Treasurer, E. P. Adams of Swanton; Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. B. Reardon of Ludlow; Grand Representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge, Smith B. Waite of Hyde Park; Grand Marshal, O. E. Chilson of Burlington; Grand Conductor, Perry Robbins of Newport; Grand Guardian, Calvin Edress of Bennington; Grand Herald, H. H. Slack of Northfield; Deputy Grand Masters, 1st district, James N. Bourne of Manchester; 2d district, A. A. Moore of Wallingford; 3d district, Robert Cathoun of Middlebury; 4th district, R. O. Sturtevant of Swanton; 5th district, John F. Linden of Island Pond; 6th district, E. Bazine of West Concord; 7th district, Frank E. Grout of Montpelier; 8th district, R. W. Kendall of Windsor; 9th district, E. C. Baker of Readsboro. Trustees of Odd Fellows' home, H. C. Farrar of Rutland, Dr. W. N. Bryant of Ludlow, O. S. Henderson of St. Johnsbury, T. T. Reeling of Brattleboro, S. B. Waite of Hyde Park, Judge Robbins of Rutland and Grand Master W. L. Havens, ex-officio.

A reception was held at Odd Fellows' home Wednesday evening and was largely attended. The home and grounds were decorated with flags, bunting and Chinese lanterns.

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY.

The annual meeting of the Rebekah assembly was called at nine o'clock Thursday morning and continued throughout the day. The morning session was wholly devoted to secret business of the order. In the afternoon the following officers were elected:—

Eva M. Hazen of Windsor, President; Minnie L. Havens of Chester Depot, Vice-President; Alice Landry of Brattleboro, Warden; Louise L. Boyce of Barre, S. C.; Ella C. Finney of Lyndonville, Treasurer; Cora A. Dunbar of St. Albans, Marshal; Cornelia F. Bond of St. Johnsbury, Conductor; L. Lavina Webster of Rutland, Inside Guard; Karlene Hutchinson of Bradford, Outside Guard; Mary Barrill of Poultny, Chaplain. Deputy Presidents were:—Mabel Gleason of Rutland, No. 2; Francis Hatch of Bristol, No. 3; Myrtle M. Parker of Bradford, No. 4; Laura Rano of Barton, No. 5; Maggie Willey of St. Johnsbury, No. 7; Flora Leavitt of Plainfield, No. 7; Anna R. F. Kinney of Randolph, No. 8; Estella F. Witherbee of Bellows Falls, No. 10; Alta B. Wyman of Proctorsville, No. 10.

Deputy Presidents Nos. 1 and 9 were not appointed. Directly after the election of officers the installation took place. The meeting was unusually well attended.

Passed the Plate too Late.

Mark Twain once declared that when a man makes an appeal for charity it is a great mistake to get everybody ready to give money and then not pass the hat.

"Some years ago in Hartford," he said, "we all went to the church on a hot, sweltering night to hear the annual report of Mr. Hawley, a city missionary who went around finding the people who needed help and didn't want to ask for it. He told of the life in the cellars where poverty resided. He gave instances of the heroism and devotion of the poor. The poor are always good to each other. When a man with millions gives, we make a great deal of noise. It's noise in the wrong place, for it's the widow's mite that counts."

"Well, Hawley worked me up to a great state. I couldn't wait for him to get through. I had \$400 in my pocket. I wanted to give that and borrow more to give. You could see greenbacks in my eye. But he didn't pass the plate, and if I grew hotter, and we grew sleepier. My enthusiasm went down, down, down, \$100 at a time, till finally when the plate came round I stole 10 cents out of it. So you see a neglect like this may lead to crime."

Some Historical Fridays.

Friday, which is regarded as a day of ill luck by the rest of the world, ought to be considered the luckiest of all days for Americans.

Among the historic events that occurred on Friday are the discovery of America, Oct. 12, 1492, by Christopher Columbus, who had sailed Friday, Aug. 8, 1492. He returned on Friday and made the discovery of South America on Friday, June 12, 1494. John Cabot received his commission from Henry VIII on Friday, March 6, 1496, which resulted in the finding of North America. Mendez founded St. Augustine on Friday, Sept. 7, 1565. The Mayflower landed on Friday, Dec. 22, 1620. George Washington was born on Friday, Feb. 22, 1732. On Friday, June 16, 1775, Bunker Hill was seized and fortified. On Friday, Oct. 17, 1777, Burgoyne surrendered at Saratoga, and on Friday, Sept. 22, 1780, Arnold's treason was discovered. Then came the surrender of Cornwallis, also on Friday, and last, on Friday, July 7, 1776, John Adams moved in the Continental congress that the United States "are and ought to be independent."—London Express.

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